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# AN ACADEMY OR COLLEDGE: WHEREIN Yong Ladies AND GENTLEWOMEN

May at a very moderate Expence be duly instructed in the true *Protestant Religion*, and in all Vertuous Qualities that may adorn that Sex: also be carefully preserved, and secured, till the day of their Marriage, under the Tuition of a Lady Governess, and grave Society of Widdows and Virgins, who have resolved to lead the rest of their lives in a single retir'd Religious way, according to the Pattern of some Protestant Colledges in *Germany*.

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## Wherein Young Ladyes, and Gentle-women may at a very moderate expence be duely instructed in the true Protestant Religion, *&c.*

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Before the late unhappy Troubles in *England*, it was the usual observation of Forreigners, who had been acquainted with this and other Nations, that the *English* Lady was the most modest, chast, and pious Woman in *Europe*; that she was eminent for Reverence, Obedience, Faithfulness, and Affectionateness to her Husband, for discreet, frugal management of her



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House, and Family, for Sobriety, Retiredness, Taciturnity, Humility, Patience, and all other Graces, and Vertues, wherewith the holy women of old were endowed: Since which, by a general licentiousness, during our late unnatural War, not only all kind of Sects, and with them Irreligion, Atheism, and Debauchery were introduced amongst the men of this Nation; but also most of those forementioned excellent qualifications are now at length (to the great grief of all sober persons) become more rare amongst Women, then perhaps in any of our Neighbouring Countrys: which, having been seriously and sadly considered, it is by many Godly prudent men judged very expedient, that most earnest endeavors should speedily be used by some extraordinary way of Education to reduce (if possible) the Female sex of *England* to their pristine Vertues; that so by their Godly Conversation, and good Examples, their Husbands, Children, and Servants may in time be won, and at length a general Reformation wrought in this Kingdome.

Some have thought best to set their Daughters to be educated in the Maiden Schools in and about *London*; where either through the Unskilfulness, or Negligence; through the Unfaithfulness,

faithfulneſs, or Covetouſneſs of the Miſtreſſes, too much minding their private profit, the Succeſs oftimes hath not anſwered the Expectation of their Parents, and Friends; whereof there are divers lamentable Examples, and grievous Complainings.

Others therefore (though of the *Proteſtant* Religion) have choſen rather to be at the great charges, and hazard of ſending their Daughters to be bred up (till the time of their Marriage) in ſome Popiſh Monaſteries of our next Neighbouring Countries: whence they have return'd otherwiſe very vertuous, but generally tainted with, and enclined to *Romiſh* Superſtitions, and Errours.

Some have aſſayed to educate their Daughters alwayes at home; but thereby have found them apt to be corrupted, or betrayed by Servants, (of whoſe unfaithfulneſs and vitiouſneſs there is now a more general complaint then ever;) or elſe in continual danger to be ſtoln away by ſome debauched indigent Neighbours; or if they are rich Orphans, to be ſold by the Truſtees; whereof there are alſo divers Examples; or to be wholy ignorant and unacquainted with the world; or at leaſt to want that handſome becoming deportment, which

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uſually ſets off, and recommends yong Ladies to good Husbands, and is to be acquired onely abroad in a vertuous converſe with others.

Laſtly, divers Gentlemen of this Kingdome have, of late for the Education of their Daughters, had recourſe to the familyes of ſome *Non-conformiſts*, where perhaps a ſtricter Education may ſometimes be found, but then if any advantage be there had, it is uſually attended with this great miſchief, that thereby ſchiſmatical and rebellious principles are inſenſibly inſtilled into them, which may one day occaſion (if not timely prevented) the final overthrow of the preſent eſtabliſhed Church and State.

Now the Premiſſes conſidered; and alſo, that for the Education of Sons in all vertue, and piety, no way hath been found to ſucceed better generally, then to let them paſs their youth in a Collegiate life, under the eye, and care of a diſcreet learned pious Tutor, and under the regular Government of the Head, and Fellows of a Colledge: It is not to be doubted but that ſome ſuch Collegiate life (if rightly inſtituted) may prove as ſucceſsfull, and perhaps much more, for the Education of Daughters; and that thereby may be founded not onely excellent Seminaries, and Nurſeries out of which

Persons of Honour and Worth may at all times make choice of Vertuous Wives; but also Provision (whereof there is great want in *England*) may be made for sober, pious, elder Virgins and Widdows, who desire to separate themselves from the vanities of the World, and yet employ their Talents to the benefit of the Publick.

These are therefore to give notice, to all whom it may any way concern, that near *London*, in a pleasant healthy Soil and Air, there is for both the purposes above-mentioned, proposed a large House, with a Chappel, fair Hall, many commodious Lodgings, and Rooms for all sorts of necessary Offices; together with pleasant Gardens, Orchards, and Courts, all encompassed and well secured with strong high Walls: Also there is a Reverend, Learned, and Pious Divine in the same Parish, ready to officiate daily Morning and Evening as Chaplain; a grave discreet Lady to be Governess, with divers other Matrons, who having taken up a resolution to live a retired, single, and religious life, are to assist in the Government of the Colledge, without expecting any gain, profit, or emolument for themselves; but to bestow *gratis* all their care and pains in governing the Colledge and

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young the Ladies in their Education. Moreover, there will come at due times the beſt and ableſt Teachers in *London* for Singing, Dancing, Muſical Inſtruments, Writing, French Tongue, Faſhionable Dreſſes, all ſorts of Needle-Works; for Confectionary, Cookery, Paſtery; for Diſtilling of Waters, making Perfumes, making of ſome ſort of Phyſical and Chyrurgical Medecins and Salves for the Poor, *&c.*

There are alſo prepared a Body of Statutes and Rules, whereunto all upon their Admiſſion are to ſubmit themſelves; until the whole Society, with the conſent of the Viſitor, who is a Perſon of great Eminency and Worth, ſhall think fit to alter, or repeal any of them, for the better promoting this Pious Deſign.

If therefore any Honourable and Worthy Perſons deſire that their Daughters, or any Truſtees, that their Orphans, ſhould be admitted Commoners or Penſioners of this Colledge; or any Devout Widdows or Elder Virgins, who intend not to marry, deſire to be admitted Fellows and Aſſiſtants in this Government, and to lead the reſt of their dayes without cares and troubles of the World, to live with honour and reputation, to devote themſelves to the ſervice of God and the good of their Countrey, by con-

contributing their advice and assistance in the training up of young Ladies and Gentlewomen, and securing their Persons and Fortunes, till the time of their Marriage: let them repair either to Mr. *Horn* a Stationer at the South-side of the *Royal Exchange*, to Mr. *Martyn* a Stationer at the Bell in St. *Pauls* Churchyard, to Mr. *Dadly* at the Bunch of Grapes in *Fleet-street*, to Mr. *Herringman* Stationer in the *New Exchange*, to Mr. *Mortlack* Stationer in *Westminster-Hall*, or to Mr. *Tayler* a Stationer on *London-Bridge*, and they shall be farther informed.

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THe Reader may also take notice, That near *London* in a good Air, there is a like Design for a Colledge for Old Men, either Batchelors or Widdowers, who may for a reasonable sum of money be accommodated during life with Diet, Lodging, and all other Necessaries; where they may pass the rest of their dayes without trouble or care in a comfortable society and converse with men of the like age and condition, according to the pattern of a Colledge in *Holland*.

For the perfecting of these Designs there are divers Persons of Eminency and Worth, who

have expreſſed not onely their approbation, but alſo their readineſs to contribute thereunto; and it is to be hoped that many others who are Lovers and Encouragers of Vertue and Piety, will upon right information afford their aſſiſtance to a work ſo much tending to a General Reformation of Manners. Therefore for the better ſecuring all Perſons that their Moneys ſhall be employed to thoſe ends and uſes for which they lay it down, theſe following Propoſals are offered, which by Gods aſſiſtance will be faithfully and carefully performed.

First, Whatſoever Money ſhall be ſubſcribed, ſhall be paid in to the Mercers Company in *London*, which is of unſpotted reputation and clear Credit, and will be accountable for the Moneys received, and give Receipts or Acquittances to every one that ſhall pay in any Money.

Secondly, That the ſame Money may be employed no otherwiſe than for the uſe intended, it is propoſed that it may not be iſſued out but by Warrant from ſuch Perſons as ſhall be nominated Truſtees, whereof there are divers Perſons of Worth ready to take upon them that Truſt.

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Thirdly, It is propoſed and deſired, That all who are reſolved to promote this Deſign, would ſend in their Subſcriptions and take effectual Order for paying in their Money ſo ſoon as conveniently they can, and at fartheſt before the end of next *Trinity* Term

Fourthly, It is deſired, That every Subſcriber would ſet down the place of his uſual abode, with his Name, Quality, and Title, and the Name of every Subſcriber which he ſhall procure, to the end that they may be all regiſtred and recorded in a fair Velome Book, to be carefully preſerved in the Colledge to all poſterity, and if occaſion require, that thereby notice may be given to him of any concernment of this Undertaking.

Fifthly, That in caſe of want of neceſſary proviſion and contribution, this laudable Deſign ſhould not go on (which God forbid) then the ſeveral ſums of Money to be repay'd to each Contributor reſpectively with Intereſt at 5 *per Cent.* if it be demanded within two years.

## *The Form of the Subſcription to be as followeth.*

WE whoſe Names are ſubſcribed, do hereby ſolemnly promiſe to pay the ſeveral Sums by us under-written, into the hands of the Company of Mercers, or in the Chamber of *London*, to be diſburſed in due time for the purchaſing of a Fair Houſe near *London*, to be made a Colledge, according to the Propoſal above-mentioned, and to give Order from time to time to the Truſtees to take thence ſuch Sum or Sums as they ſhall judge expedient for the purpoſe aforeſaid.

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